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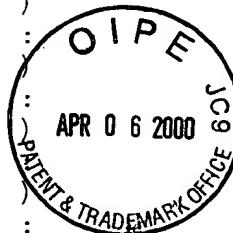
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TETSUYA YANO ET AL. ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: 09/430,029 ) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: October 29, 1999 )  
For: DNA FRAGMENT CARRYING )  
TOLUENE MONOOXYGENASE )  
GENE, RECOMBINANT )  
PLASMID, TRANSFORMED )  
MICROORGANISM, METHOD )  
FOR DEGRADING )  
CHLORINATED ALIPHATIC )  
HYDROCARBON COMPOUNDS )  
AND AROMATIC COMPOUNDS, )  
AND METHOD FOR )  
ENVIRONMENTAL )  
REMEDIATION : April 5, 2000



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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents is found in the specification where they are cited and/or in abstracts attached thereto.

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/453,956	December 3, 1999	1643

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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